

**ABSTRACT**

It is an object of the present invention to provide a digital camera that forms, on a solid state imaging device, an object image resulting from object light transmitted via a photographing optical system, to obtain image data representative of the object image, the digital camera enabling a photographer to take his or her intended photograph accurately. After a composition determining operation has been finished and before an actual photographing operation is started, an image display section displays a composition and a through image in a superimposing manner. The distance to an object is measured when the composition determining operation is performed. During the actual photographing operation, focusing is carried out in accordance with the distance measured when the composition determining operation is performed.